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HB 787 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides an exception to liability applicable to transportation network companies.

<u>Proposed law</u> establishes that a transportation network company cannot be held liable for owning, operating, or maintaining the digital network accessed by a driver or rider, or for being the company affiliated with a driver, when harm to a person or property results from or arises out of the use, operation, or possession of a motor vehicle operating as a company vehicle while the driver is logged on to the digital network if all of the following apply:

- (1) There is no negligence or criminal wrongdoing on the part of the company.
- (2) The company fulfilled all of its obligations relative to a driver as required by present law.
- (3) The company is not the owner or custodian of the motor vehicle that caused harm to persons or property.

<u>Proposed law</u> clarifies that <u>proposed law</u> cannot be construed to modify or reduce the insurance coverages, policy limits, or liability of any person as established by contract or as required by <u>present</u> law.

<u>Proposed law</u> exempts the state and the Dept. of Transportation and Development from liability if the state or the department, respectively, comply with applicable provisions of present law.

(Adds R.S. 48:2206)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Transportation</u>, <u>Highways and</u> Public Works to the original bill:

1. Exempt the state and the Dept. of Transportation and Development from liability if the state or the department comply with applicable provisions of <u>present law</u>.